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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: GOF POSITION ON CONCORDE PROGRAM

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1. AT PRESS CONFERENCE FEBRUARY 19, TRANSPORT MINISTER GUENA ANNOUNCED THAT GOF WOULD PROPOSE TO UK THAT CONCORDE BE FITTED WITH EXTRA FUEL TANKS TO INCREASE ITS RANGE AND THAT THREE MORE AIRCRAFT BE BUILT IN ADDITION TO SIXTEEN NOW ALREADY UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

2. GUENA SAID THAT GOF WAS NOT PROPOSING PLACING ADDITIONAL FUEL TANKS ON FIRST NINE AIRCRAFT BUILT IN ORDER NOT DELAY THEIR ENTRY INTO SERVICE BY BRITISH AIRWAYS AND AIR FRANCE. HE IS REPORTED AS SAYING THAT GOF HAD RULED OUT LARGER ENGINE OR ANY REDESIGNING OF WING.

3. GUENA SAID THAT EFFECT OF PRODUCTION SCHEDULE AS RECOMMENDED BY GOF WOULD BE OUTPUT OF FOUR TO FIVE AIRCRAFT ANNUALLY, WHICH HE FELT WOULD HAVE ONLY MODERATE IMPACT ON EMPLOYMENT IN THE AEROSPACE
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INDUSTRY.

4. GUENA SAID THAT HE WAS PREPARED TO DISCUSS
CONCORDE PROBLEM AT ANY TIME WITH UK THOUGH HE
EXPECTED THIS WOULD HAVE TO AWAIT FORTHCOMING

BRITISH GENERAL ELECTION.

5. FULLER DETAILS WILL BE REPORTED WHEN MORE INFO
IN HAND.IRWIN

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